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TAGS: OVIP (THURMOND), PBOR, PN, PQ

SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND

SENATORS STROM THURMOND (R- S.C.), JESSEE HELMS (R-N.C.) AND  
ORRIN HATCH (R-UTAH) VISITED THE ISTHMUS FOR APPROXIMATELY  
24 HOURS AUGUST 18-19. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS,  
INCLUDING ALL THREE MAJOR TV NETWORKS, CAME TO PANAMA FOR THE  
OCCASION; BUT THEY MADE LITTLE SPLASH.

THE SENATORS, ALL ANNOUNCED OPPONENTS OF THE TREATY, MADE THE  
USUAL ROUNDS OF THE SOUTHERN COMMAND AND THE PANAMA CANAL  
COMPANY. AT A MEETING WITH ZONE LABOR AND CIVIC LEADERS, THEY  
HEARD A VARIETY OF COMPLAINTS -- MOSTLY BITTER -- AGAINST THE  
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TREATY.

THEIR ONLY CALL ON PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS WAS ON PRESIDENT LAKAS  
AND MINISTER BARLETTA WHO MADE A VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON  
THEM. THIS MAY HAVE AFFECTED THEIR PERFORMANCE AT A PRESS  
CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR TALK WITH LAKAS. THE  
SENATORS, THOUGH THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT CHANGED THEIR MINDS

ABOUT THE TREATY, WERE MODERATE AND COURTEOUS IN THEIR REMARKS;  
AND THE CONFERENCE WAS SO BRIEF AS TO BE ALMOST CURT. THE  
SENATORS DID NOT ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AN ANTI-TREATY  
RALLY IN THE ZONE THE EVENING OF AUGUST 19. (SEPTTEL)

JORDEN  
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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